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Meeting Minutes

Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

10am-Noon

69 W. Washington – 22nd floor Conference Room A

Attendance:

Meade Palidofsky (board member)
Dakeda Horton (board member)
Esther Franco-Payne (board member)
Garien Gatewood (board member)
Amanda Klonsky (board member)
Darius Ballinger (board member)
Marjorie Berk Moss (board member)
Sandra Wortham (board member)
Delrice Adams
Shay Robinson
Ali Abid
Judith Everly

I. Overview of Board for New Members

Discussion was led by Ali Abid and included an overview of juvenile justice system, an overview of the JTDC advisory board ordinance, and responsibilities of board members.

II. Discussion of Advisory Board Goals

The remainder of this calendar year will likely be planning for 2019

One discussion was framing upcoming meetings as a ‘listening tour’; getting individuals such as youth development specialists, JTDC detainees and/or their families (dependent upon dealing with confidentiality issues and permission), those working in post-release programs, and more to come to future JTDC Advisory Board meetings.

With respect to Data Collection, we could reach out to UIC and University of Chicago, or Annie

E. Casey as possible visitors. Annie E. Casey in particular, has done previous evaluative work at the JTDC Before.

Possible items for future discussion: Center closings at the JTDC and the impact of that; disciplinary and holding policies at the JTDC which were recently noted in the press.

Future tasks: developing questions for JTDC staff.

Other next steps:

- The JAC/President's office will write a letter of introduction to Dixon regarding the new board, we will then work to schedule a meeting between the Board and the JTDC Staff/ hopefully complete with tour. The letter will include an invitation to forthcoming meetings of the board.

Working groups:

- Program & Policy - What policies are needed to improve outcomes for those in the JTDC? [Dakeda Horton and Marjorie Moss volunteered to lead]
- Data & Information - What information is needed to better gauge the status of and build policy from to improve the outcomes for those in the JTDC? [Garien Gatewood and Meade Palidofsky volunteered lead]
 - o putting the ' & ' in there because some of information won't necessarily be in data format such as anecdotes/narrative and more.
- Community Engagement - what forms of community engagement and connectedness would improve the JTDC, what are some things the Advisory Board could do to encourage/create this? [Darrius Ballinger volunteered to lead]

A number of individuals volunteered to be a part of these groups, noted above. Others should reach out in the coming weeks.

Formulating Goals for next few meetings:

Develop an action plan for 2019

- focus on tangible goals
- work out plan specifics

Documents needed:

- contacts at JTDC
- Contact information of JTDC Board members
- Progress to date
- A SharePoint site will be developed and shared with all board members that will contain all of these.

Upcoming Meetings Plan:

- Full board meeting in September
- Working groups meet in October/November
- Full board meeting in December

Board chair elections are annual. Esther Franco Payne be chair of the JTDC Advisory board through the year and Meade Palidofsky will be the co-chair.

III. Public Comments

One public comment provided by George Blakemore.

IV. Adjourn

Motioned passed.